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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: Alamo Area Council of Governments was contacted on May 26, 2015 about liability issues/concerns regarding Brownfields Program assessment activities on properties in Floresville, TX. Further discussions are expected to result in workshops by EPA and state and federal partners to support rural community needs. (Talton, x7205)

SENATOR DAVID VITTER STAFF INQUIRY ABOUT AVENDALE SHIPYARD IN WESTWEGO, LA: EPA responded to an inquiry with Senator Vitter's staff on the availability of brownfields cleanup funds assistance for Avendale Shipyard in Westwego, LA with Senator Vitter's staff. Information was provided regarding Brownfields cleanup loans from existing Brownfields Revolving Loan Programs in the area. (Talton x7205)

FY2015 SCAP TARGETS: The Region has been asked to confirm our FY2015 SCAP Targets with OSRTI. There are 2 categories where the number of sites targeted may change or be reduced. This change will be confirmed by the IMC after conferring with the Remedial Manager. (Talton x7205)

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE, CHANNELVIEW, TX: On Thursday, June 11, 2015, Staff will conduct a site visit to view the site conditions following the recent rains and minor flooding on the San Jacinto River and to answer any questions about the site. Attending the site visit will be staff from U.S. Senator Cornyn's office, staff from the Harris County Commissioner's Court - Precinct 2, the Galveston Bay Foundation, who is the Technical Assistance Grant recipient, as well as the partner agencies for the site. The partner agencies are the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Harris County, and the Port of Houston Authority. On the same day following the site visit, a meeting will be held with the partner agencies at the Harris County Pollution Control Services office in Pasadena, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a scope for additional sampling at the site. (Meyer, x6742)

SANDY BEACH REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE: The road crossing for the soil vapor extraction piping connecting the extraction wells and the treatment system is scheduled for completion this week. The trenching for the pipeline installation has also been completed for the site. The project schedule has been delayed a week, but the daily work schedule has been adjusted to make up the time lost due to the wet weather. Installation of the 28 soil vapor extraction wells has been completed, and the remaining piping, electrical, and treatment unit installation is scheduled for completion by July 11, 2015. The treatment unit is currently being fabricated at an off-site location with a scheduled July 2, 2015, delivery date at the site. The soil vapor extraction piping is scheduled for installation the week of June 15, 2015, to connect the individual soil vapor extraction well heads and the treatment system. (Meyer, x6742)

EAST 67th STREET REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE: The final injection event for the in-situ bioremediation project was completed the week of June 8, 2015. The in-situ ground water treatment area includes 11 injection wells divided along two treatment lines. The first injection event was completed in March. Post injection monitoring of the ground water is expected to continue for a two year period to monitor progress in reducing tetrachloroethene concentrations in the plume core. Sampling events will be conducted every 30 days for the first 6 months following the initial injection event. (Meyer, x6742)

EPA CONDUCTS COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE EAGLE PICHER SITE, SOCORRO, NM: On June 9, 2015, the EPA conducted a community meeting at the City Hall to inform residents about the upcoming Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study for Operable Unit (OU) 2. Prior to the community meeting the EPA met with the mayor, city officials and some local residents in the neighborhoods and provided fact sheets and information about the upcoming field work in the area. The RI/FS for OU 2 is to determine if there is risk from vapor intrusion at the site. EPA will be collecting soil gas sampling this summer to evaluate if the groundwater contamination presents vapor intrusion risk in homes located directly over the plume. (Meyer, x6742)

2015 FEDERAL FACILITIES PROGRAM CONFERENCE: On June 10, 2015, two Superfund Remedial Project Managers presented at the 2015 Federal Facilities Program Conference, hosted in the Region 6 office. The presentation was titled “Green Remediation – Updates and Implementation”. The presentation provided updates on EPA’s green remediation program and highlighted four projects in Region 6 currently implementing green remediation technologies in their Superfund cleanup. The four highlighted projects are: 1) Pantex Plant Renewable Energy Project; 2) Bayou Verdine Ecological Restoration; 3) State Road 114 Cryogenics Technology; and 4) Creosote Recycling at American Creosote Works. (Meyer, x6742)

RISK ASSESSMENT TRAINING PROVIDED TO ODEQ: At the request of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), EPA staff conducted risk assessment training on June 9, 2015, at the ODEQ office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ten ODEQ personnel attended the training. Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) personnel were invited but were unable to attend the training. The training included discussions on data collection from a risk assessment perspective, lab qualifiers, RAGS guidance, risk management, and risk assessment as part of the Five-Year Review. (Banipal, x7324)

AMERICAN CREOSOTE DERIDDER, LA- SITE SAMPLING: During the week of June 8, 2015, Region 6 Site Assessment personnel conducted sampling at the American Creosote Site in DeRidder, LA. The 50-acre site was a creosote wood treatment operation during the first half of the 20th century. (Banipal, x7324)

GRANTS MINERAL BELT REMOVALS, CIBOLA/McKINLEY COUNTY, NM - CROSSROADS RADIOLOGICAL SITE, NEAR SAN MATEO, NM: The crews have returned from a scheduled break. Transportation and disposal of the soil to a licensed facility began on June 8. This activity is expected to be completed by June 30. There has been no press coverage and community interest has been isolated to the residents associated with the Site. (Crossland, x2721)

CAMP MINDEN/EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC. (OU3-QASP / BASELINE AIR/SOIL) /

MINDEN, LA: The June 11, 2015 Public Meeting was postponed until the LMD contract is signed. Air monitoring results are being summarized and prepared for public release. The air sampling results have not been received yet from the contractor. GD/ATK PRP OPS: PRP continues EA crushing operation and shipment of EA briquettes to Dyno-Nobel for recycling. To date, 1,963,455 lbs have been shipped for recycling, and 2,048,430 lbs of EA have been crushed. 69,243 lbs of EA fines and 60,283 lbs of EA waste have been generated from the crushing operation. (Crossland, x2721)

CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Cleanup activities anticipated this week: Dispose of remaining wastes; Continue transition activities with PRP Group. (Crossland, x2721)

BIOLOGICAL DECONTAMINATION TRAINING AND EXERCISE, ADDISON, TX:
On June 9-11, the Prevention and Response Branch hosted a Biological Decontamination Training and Exercise for EPA Region 6 On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs). The exercise allowed the OSCs, Response Contractors, and State personnel to practice the decontamination (Decon) line procedures and facilitated entry teams becoming more efficient utilizing some recent EPA Decon guidelines developed during the Ebola Response and recently updated. The agent of concern for this exercise was Ebola but these principles will apply to other biological and chemical scenarios as well. One of the presenters was Dr. Bruce Bernard from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, who detailed his recent African experiences. (Crossland, x2721)

SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA: The removal was initiated on Tuesday, May 26. The removal addresses oily liquids within a partially buried barge formally used as an alkyne storage pump unit. Inclement weather and transportation delays have caused disruptions in site activities. As of Friday, May 29, just over 53,000 gallons of oily liquids was removed and transported offsite for disposal. Additional waste profile and characterization samples of oily liquids were collected on May 28 and May 29 from three containment areas within the buried barge. Samples of solids within the buried barge were also collected for waste characterization and disposal profiling. Work resumed on June 9 and was completed June 11. (Crossland, x2721)

WILCOX OIL, BRISTOW, OK: Sampling activities were initiated on May 18 and continued periodically throughout the week. Heavy rainfall in the area during the week of May 18 caused some work delays. Sampling activities resumed on June 1 and was completed on Thursday, June 4. Analytical results TBD. Fence installation activities initiated on June 1 and continued throughout the week. Fence installation was completed on Saturday, June 6. (Crossland, x2721)

HENRYETTA IRON & METAL, HENRYETTA, OK: ODEQ requested the assistance of EPA to address PCB soil contamination on the Henryetta Iron & Metal facility. EPA is planning a potential enforcement action for the current property owner or business owner to address the PCB contamination on the facility and potentially the surrounding residential area. EPA staff conducted a brief site assessment while demobilizing from the Wilcox Site on Friday, June 5. (Crossland, x2721)

CHEMICAL RECYCLING (CRI), WYLIE, TX: 6SF facilitated a meeting with representatives from the City of Wylie and the Wylie Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Region 6 RA on June 11. Discussions centered on the current site status and EPA's issues with gaining access to the site to perform the removal action. Discussions also

focused on the City's potential involuntary acquisition of the property through tax foreclosure. EPA encouraged the City to partner with EPA and TCEQ on discussions regarding the long term beneficial reuse of the property and to incorporate those potential reuses into the removal action. 6SF will continue down a parallel track to gain access to the site by a referral to DOJ. **(Crossland, x2721)**

LDEQ/EPA SITE ASSESSMENT/NPL SITES MEETING: On June 16, 2016, EPA Site Assessment personnel will be meeting with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) at LDEQ's office in Baton Rouge, LA. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Colonial Creosote site, which is scheduled to go final on the NPL in September, the SBA Shipyard site, which will be proposed to the NPL in September, the Alexandria/Pineville Making a Visible Difference in Communities effort, and current site assessment efforts at the American Creosote Deridder site and American Recycling site. EPA and LDEQ will also discuss efforts to identify new sites for FY16 and beyond. **(Banipal, x7324)**

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE'S (LEPC) WORKSHOPS, EL

DORADO, AR: Staff will conduct one Region 6 LEPC workshop the week of June 15 in El Dorado, Arkansas. Approximately 25 personnel are registered to attend the workshop. Workshop will focus on requirements of EPCRA for industry & LEPC's, emergency preparedness, dissemination of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) information, as well as preparedness for Bakken oil. DHS and OSHA are participating in the workshops this year, as part of the Chemical Safety Executive Order. **(Crossland, x2721)**

R6 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP): FEMA is planning a multi-agency COOP exercise in October. EPA Region 6 is planning to participate in the voluntary exercise. FEMA has required participants from each agency, including EPA, to complete a series of trainings prior to the exercise. EPA Management Analyst participated in the COOP Manager FEMA training held from May 28 to May 30 at the Ft. Worth Federal Training Center in Ft. Worth, TX. The FY 2015 COOP Awareness Training is now available on eLearning. The required training is intended for all EPA personnel to complete by July 31, 2015. On Monday, June 1, a summary was forwarded to HQs regarding the number of training completions by EPA personnel. Additionally, Region 6 staff are working with the Region 7 COOP coordinator to plan a joint devolution exercise. A regional COOP Exercise is planned for July 2015. **(Crossland, x2721)**

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